

**Minutes of the Grinnell City Council Meeting  
Monday, March 6, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Grinnell met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Grinnell Community Center, 927 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2006. Mayor Canfield presided.

ROLL CALL:           PRESENT:   Witt, Worley, Wright, Wilson, McNaul, White

ABSENT:       None.

**PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Wilson, Wright, Worley, Witt. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A.     Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, February 20, 2006 Regular Session.
- B.     Approval of the Class LE Liquor License Renewal for HY-VEE, 320 West Street South.

**HONORING CITY EMPLOYEES:**

Mayor Canfield and Council Member Jim White presented Glenn Baker, and Duane Neff awards for 25 years of service to the city.

**APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:**

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve payment of the claims where funds are available. Roll Call Vote: White, McNaul, Worley, Worley. Witt, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to the issuance of not to exceed \$150,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes at 7:05 pm. Hage noted that no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting. Canfield requested comments and objections from the citizens present. There were none.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to close the public hearing at 7:06 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Wilson, Witt, Worley, Wright. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2933: "RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Wilson, Worley, Wright, McNaul. Motion carried.

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to the issuance of not to exceed

\$120,000 Taxable General Obligation Capital Loan Notes at 7:07 pm. Hage noted that no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting. Canfield requested comments and objections from the citizens present. There were none.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to close the public hearing at 7:08 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Witt, Worley, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2934: "RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, Witt, Wright, McNaul, Wilson. Motion carried.

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to the FY07 budget at 7:08 pm. Hage noted that no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting. Canfield requested comments and objections from the citizens present. There were none.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to close the public hearing at 7:09 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Wilson, Witt, Worley, Wright. Motion carried.

White reviewed the FY07 budget highlights including comparisons of the tax levy, outstanding debt and upcoming projects.

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2935: "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GRINNELL FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Wilson, Witt, Wright, Worley Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- A. Finance Committee: February 20, 2006
- B. Planning Committee: February 20, 2006
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee: February 20, 21 and 27, 2006
- D. Public Safety Committee: February 21, 2006
- E. Grinnell City Council Special Session: February 27, 2006.
- F. Stewart Library: February 28, 2006
- G. Recreation Board: March 1, 2006.
- H. Veteran's Memorial Commission: February 21, 2006.
- I. POW I-80: February Financials
- J. Thank You: Family of Mary Lou Thompson

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- A. Report from the Finance Committee.
  - o Review the contracts proposed by the Iowa Department of Transportation in regard to the Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads.

Moved by White, second by Witt, to approve the contracts proposed by the Iowa Department of Transportation in regard to the Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, McNaul, Wilson, Wright, Worley. Motion carried.

- Discussion in regard to the request from the Van Horn Park Committee for financial support.

White reviewed the ongoing development of Van Horn Park. The Van Horn Park (VHP) committee intends to raise \$94,000.00 to construct improvements to the park. The VHP committee requested the city participate up to a level of 10% of the total cost of the project not to exceed \$9,400.00.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve the request as submitted and provide funding to the Van Horn Park Committee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Wilson, Wright, McNaul, Worley. Motion carried.

- Schedule the public hearing in regard to the issuance of not to exceed \$100,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes for Monday, April 3, 2006, at 7:00 pm.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve and adopt 2936: "RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES TO EVIDENCE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY THEREUNDER" (Not to exceed \$100,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes.) Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, McNaul, Wilson, Worley, Wright. Motion carried.

- Discussion in regard to t-hanger rent discounts.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to offer three levels of payment and discount as proposed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, McNaul, Worley Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

- Review of the Office Narrative provided by the City Clerk.

White commented that Hage will be providing a monthly narrative of the happenings in the city offices.

- Discussion in regard to the request by the Food Share Program for Campbell Fund assistance.

Young had requested \$500.00 of assistance from the Campbell Fund to help offset the cost of managing the program. The committee identified possible ways the program and the Campbell fund to work together.

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to provide the funding as requested. Roll Call Vote: White, McNaul, Wilson, Wright, Worley, Witt. Motion carried.

- Discussion in regard to the proposed ethanol facility.

White commented there is an ethanol facility interested in locating south of Grinnell. Several items are under discussion. The committee will report on this item again as soon as more information is available.

- Update in regard to the establishment of a driver's license station.

White announced the dedicated T1 line will not be needed for the establishment of a driver's license station in Grinnell. Therefore, the city will not be undertaking the expense. The county continues to work on organizing furnishings. The intent is the office will be open by July 1, 2006. Behrens commented since the decision of locating the office in Grinnell has been made, county staff has been more than accommodating to work with.

- Review of the requests for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

The requests were approved as presented.

B. Report from the Planning Committee.

- Review of the ordinance proposed in regard to lighting.

Worley commented staff has been provided a model ordinance to work with. Behrens will draft an ordinance for Grinnell and will review it at the next regular meeting.

- Update in regard to Lang Creek Crossing Plat 1 and Plat 2.

The developer is nearing completion; however several details remain, primarily clean finalizing legal description language for the lots.

- Update on annexation and development on Highway 146 South.

Worley updated the council that the city has received the final voluntary annexation petition. The process will now change from the 80/20 rules to the voluntary procedure. A special meeting will be required to complete the process. The re-zoning of the land will follow completion of the annexation.

The committee then reviewed pending issues and reorganized the order in which the items will be considered.

C. Report from the Public Works and Grounds Committee.

- Discussion in regard to the Park Plan consultant presentations.

Witt updated the council on the process taken to identify a consultant to assist the city in preparing a park plan. A small group of committee members will be approaching one of the consultants to clarify a few points of concern. The committee will report on this item at the next regular meeting.

- Review the bids received for the Grinnell Trail Project (STP-E-3127(610)—8V-79.) (See Resolution No. 2937.)

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No2937: "A RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – GRINNELL TRAIL PROJECT (STP-E-3127(610)—8V-79.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Wright, Wilson, White, Worley. Motion carried.

- Review of the request submitted by Vernon VanWyk in regard to widening a driveway.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to extend the drive width opening from 48' to 64' as requested. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, White, Worley, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

- Update in regard to the storm water utility information.

This item remains under discussion. Staff will begin contacting various customers who will be impacted by the new fees.

- Discussion in regard to compost and brush management.

Baker reported the brush site will reopen Tuesday, March 14, 2006. The site hours will be Tuesdays: 1:00 – 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. As weather improves, the hours will be expanded.

- D. Report from the Public Safety Committee  
(Please Note: This meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006.)
  - Discussion in regard to the ambulance agreement.

Behrens and Sicard will attempt to meet with ambulance representatives to report back to the committee at a later date. The main concern to be reviewed is how Midwest Ambulance staffs the service in town as they do transfers out of town. The city recognizes their business needs; however they must still provide adequate manpower and equipment available in town.

- Review of Cingular Wireless Ground Space Lease at Public Safety Building.

Staff awaits response from Cingular in regard to the proposed lease.

- Update in regard to the fire association negotiation.

A contract has been proposed and should be available for review by the Rural Fire Association before the end of March.

Wilson reminded the public the Public Safety Committee will meet again Tuesday, March 7, 2006 in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room at 7:00 am.

- E. Mayor's Committee Appointment Recommendations:

There are no appointments at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

FINAL READING OF THE ORDINANCE:

Moved by WORLEY, second by WHITE, to conduct the final reading of Ordinance No. 1264: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 774 BY CHANGING CERTAIN DISTRICTS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP." (The ordinance refers to the 6.608 acres in the city of Grinnell, Iowa owned by Grinnell Enterprises, LLC.) Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, White, McNaul, Wilson, Wright, Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to conduct the final reading of Ordinance No. Ordinance No. 1265: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE " MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-508 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS.)" (This ordinance refers to additional no parking provision near Fairview School.) Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, McNaul, Witt, Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2938: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Jeld-Wen Door Division, 820 Industrial Avenue.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, McNaul, Wright, Wilson, White, Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by WORLEY, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2939: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roche, 716 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Unit 308.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, McNaul, Witt, White, Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

#### INQUIRIES:

McNaul requested the Safety Committee review the use of the tornado sirens to indicate the noon hour. The new sirens are much louder than the former and are creating a nuisance.

Canfield noted the city will be hosting six international visitors from Turkmenistan.

#### REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Behrens commented he and Canfield had met with Andy Anderson, chairman of Vision Iowa Board in regard to the Transportation Museum. This meeting also allowed Behrens to present Anderson with the final draft of the rural water account purchase as he is the association's attorney.

#### ADJOURN:

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WORLEY, to adjourn this regular session of the Grinnell City Council. Vote: (6) ayes, motion carried.

#### ATTEST:

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Gordon Canfield, Mayor

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Cassandra R. Hage, City Clerk